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U.S. Appln. No. 09/935,571

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging their claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

Fig. 1 of the present application is objected to by the Examiner. In response, Applicants have added legends to Fig. 1 according to the specification. Nothing new was added.

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by USP 6,549,768 to Fraccaroli. Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 6,662,006 to Glass in view of USP 6,449,479 to Sanchez. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and objections, and request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following arguments.

Independent claims 1, 8, 9 and 10 of the present application recite a database in a telecommunication system for storing subscriber-information indicating an interest of the subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber, and a receiver in the system for receiving an update code for updating at least a part of the subscriber-information.

The last paragraph of the specification of the present application gives several examples of the subscriber-information indicating an interest of the subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber, e.g., a value 00 indicating that a taxi is needed, a value 01 indicating that a taxi is available, a value 10 indicating that a man wants to date a woman, and a value 11 indicating that a woman wants to date a man.

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In response to the update code, the stored subscriber-information could be changed. For example, from a zero value indicating at the moment nothing needed/offered into a second value indicating that a taxi is offered (Specification, page 17, lines 1-3).

However, none of the cite references teaches or suggests updating of the subscriber information indicating an interest of the subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber.

Fraccaroli provides a mobile communications matching system, which initiates contact between persons utilizing a wireless communications network on the basis of their physical location and the similarity of information which they have stored in the network (Fraccaroli, col. 2, lines 46-50). The Examiner has asserted that Fraccaroli teaches updating subscriber-information, referring to column 9, lines 41-49 of Fraccaroli. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The recited subscriber-information indicates an interest of a subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber. Fraccaroli teaches updating location information of a mobile station, but the location information does not indicate the subscriber's interest. Thus, Fraccaroli fails to teach or suggest the recited subscriber-information.

In addition, Fraccaroli teaches initiating contact between persons by comparing matching profiles for the USER ID of their handsets, but fails to teach or suggest an updating code for updating the matching profiles. In Fraccaroli, matching profiles are retrieved and stored by a server 106 when a mobile station first becomes active in a service area 103 and is maintained as long as the mobile station remains active in the service area 103 (Fraccaroli, col. 5, lines 32-36). Thus, Fraccaroli fails to teach or suggest updating subscriber-information.

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Glass provides a method for providing a calling number identification alias in a communication system. As shown in Fig. 1, a wireless telephone 200 is associated with a wired telephone 210. When a user makes a call with the wireless telephone 200, it is the phone number of the wired telephone 210, instead of the phone number of the wireless telephone 200, that is sent to a called telephone 400 (Glass, col. 3, lines 14-24). Thus, Glass fails to teach the recited subscriber-information indicating an interest of the subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber, or the updating code for updating at least a part of the subscriber-information.

Sanchez provides a method for mobile subscriber service modification. In Sanchez, what is changed is a mobile subscriber's feature profile, e.g., call waiting, call blocking, etc. (Sanchez, col. 2, lines 34-47). Sanchez does not teach or suggest the recited subscriber-information indicating an interest of the subscriber to be matched with an interest of another subscriber, or the update code for updating the subscriber-information.

Thus, the cited references, standing alone or combined together, fail to teach or suggest at least two features recited in claims of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10 of the present application are patentable.

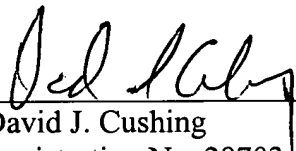
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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